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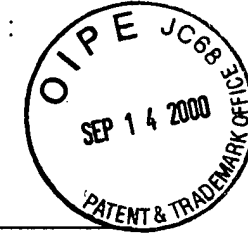
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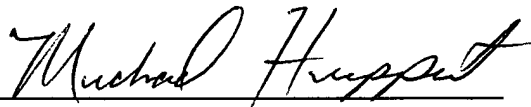
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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of which is described and claimed in:

- () the attached specification, or
 () the specification in application Serial No. _____, filed June 8, 2000, and with amendments through (if applicable), or
 () the specification in International Application No. , filed , and as amended on (if applicable).
 (X) letters patent number 5,762,539 granted on June 9, 1998 and in the attached specification for which I solicit a reissue patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (and §172 if this application is for a Design) of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	65315/1996	February 27, 1996	YES

I believe the original patent to be partly inoperative by reason of the patentee claiming less than patentee had the right to claim in the patent. In particular, in patent claim 1, the limitation of "a pressurized fluid source for supplying pressurized fluid" unnecessarily and unduly restricts the scope of claim 1 in that other aspects of the disclosed invention are patentable without such limitation. Also, patent claim 8 requires that the step of "ejecting pressurized fluid from openings in a plurality of areas in said holding surface of said top ring toward the workpiece held by said top ring, said pressurized fluid being selectively ejectable from said openings in said respective areas". This limitation unnecessarily and unduly restricts the scope of patent claim 8. Applicants consider their invention to include the steps of holding a workpiece by a top ring, and pressing the workpiece against a polishing surface of a turntable to polish a surface of the workpiece by applying independently adjustable pressures to substantially concentric circular areas of the workpiece. Thus, the method recited in patent claim 8 is unnecessarily limited by the inclusion of the limitation of ejecting pressurized fluid from openings in a plurality of areas in the holding surface of the top ring.

All errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing of this Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the Applicants.

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